

ABSTRACT

[1139] In a method and system for monitoring a control channel in a telecommunication system, the transmission of the overhead parameters is 5 separated from the transmission of the packets that are directed to an access terminal. Consequently, the access terminal may need to monitor a control channel for a shorter period of time if a current message indicates that the received set of overhead parameters is up to date. In this case, the access terminal with up-to-date overhead parameters may stop monitoring the control 10 channel before the end of a synchronous capsule time period. Otherwise, the access terminal may continue to monitor the control channel until an up-to-date set of overhead parameters is received.